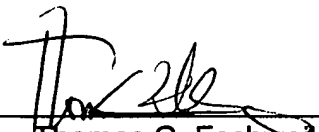


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APPENDIX CONTAINING AMENDMENTS IN MARKED UP FORMAT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11 and 18 as provided below.

11. (Amended) The oil burner system of claim 10, further comprising a half-wave rectification circuit coupled between the sinusoidal line voltage signal and the first and second charging circuits, respectively, wherein the half-wave rectification circuit is operable to half-wave rectify the sinusoidal line voltage signal input to the first and second charging circuits, and wherein the first and second charging circuits are operable to minimize a ripple associated with a charging voltage of the first and second charging circuits, respectively, thereby making the predetermined time period substantially independent of a frequency of the sinusoidal line voltage signal.

18. (Amended) The timer circuit of claim 13, further comprising a half-wave rectification circuit coupled between the line voltage and the charging circuit, wherein the half-wave rectification circuit is operable to half-wave rectify the line voltage input to the charging circuit, and wherein the charging circuit is operable to minimize a ripple associated with a charging voltage of the charging circuit, thereby making the delay time substantially independent of a frequency of the line voltage.